

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition comprising:

(a) between 1 and 5 % (v/v) octoxyglycerin,

(b) a quaternary ammonium compound,

(c) an antimicrobial agent selected from the group consisting of a biguanide compound, triclosan, phenoxyethanol, an iodine compound and parachlorometaxyleneol, and

(d) between 0.2 and 7 % (v/v) of a zinc compound selected from the group consisting of zinc gluconate, zinc oxide, zinc acetate, zinc stearate and zinc salicylate, and wherein the zinc compound comprises between 0.2 and 7 percent.

wherein the antimicrobial composition is effective in inhibiting gram (+) and gram (-) bacteria.

2. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition comprising:

(a) between 1 and 5 percent (volume/volume) octoxyglycerin,

(b) between 0.05 and 0.2 percent (v/v) of benzalkonium chloride,

(c) between 0.5 and 4 percent (v/v) of chlorhexidine digluconate, and

(d) between 0.2 and 7 percent (v/v) of a zinc compound selected from the group consisting of zinc gluconate, zinc oxide, zinc stearate and zinc salicylate, and wherein the zinc compound comprises between 0.2 and 7 percent.

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